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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Between 1 and 15 January 1952, the quarters of the Neues Lager at Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) were occupied by about two companies of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The garages of the installation sheltered about 20 T-34/85 tanks and at least 4 SU-249 SP guns. The wooden garages in the northern section of Neues Lager were empty. Several trucks [REDACTED] were seen hauling rations and items of clothing from boxcars at the Doeberitz railroad station to the Mehlscheune (barn) of the Neues Lager on 14 January. 25X1

2. Between 1 and 15 January, the eastern section of the Altes Lager north of Highway No 103 was occupied by one or two infantry regiments and the western section by an AT artillery unit. [REDACTED] 25X1

3. Between 1 and 15 January, the headquarters buildings of the former German troop training grounds housed a Soviet headquarters guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Many officers, most of whom were majors but including a lieutenant colonel were seen walking between the headquarters and the Altes Lager. [REDACTED] 25X1

4. On 16 January, two half-track prime movers towing 152-mm artillery pieces were seen leaving the Flak Kaserno, west of Olympisches Dorf. Each prime mover was occupied by 10 to 12 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

5. A German employee at the former headquarters of the Doeberitz troop training grounds said that the ranking officer belonging to the Soviet headquarters was a colonel. Ninety officers belonging to organizations subordinate this headquarters took showers on 26 January. The maximum number of officers taking showers at the headquarters was from 120 to 125. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] A lieutenant colonel with engineer insignia and Captain Vasilyev (fnu) were identified at the headquarters. [REDACTED] occupied by 2 colonels and 1 major with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen in front of the headquarters building. 25X1

6. On 11 January, [REDACTED] was seen in the guard book at the driver training school commanded by Major Dubinka (fnu) in Neues Lager west of Altes Lager. Four closed 25X1

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garages there were filled to capacity with tanks, each garage containing from 20 to 25 tanks. Four JS-2 or JS-3 tanks were definitely seen standing side by side in one of the garages.

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7. On 3 January, 12 to 15 trucks on blocks were seen in the garages of Unit Khlopov in Olympisches Dorf, 2 km west of Altes Lager. During an official conversation, source learned that Unit Khlopov was equipped with artillery pieces of medium caliber.

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8. A field exercise held south of Döberitz airfield on 24 January involved troops with 1 x 85-mm AT gun, 2 x 76.2-mm guns of model M2, 3 B-64 armored reconnaissance cars, 1 full-track armored personnel carrier and 1 troop carrying truck.

9. On 13 January, 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen marching from Alstalt to Olympisches Dorf; 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, led by a band, marched from the Adler Kaserne on the south side of Highway No 103 toward Elsggrund. On 20 January, a unit of 1 officer and 200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was observed marching from the Loewen Kaserne on the south side of Highway No 103 toward Olympisches Dorf. *

* Comment. The report is not specific enough to allow an analysis of the disposition of units at the Döberitz military post. Only the Hq 1st Mecz Div, is fairly definitely believed to be located in the former troop training grounds headquarters. It was previously confirmed there until 17 January 1952. In addition, there is the possibility that the 72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division is stationed in Altes or Neues Lager, where still another mechanized regiment of the 1st Mecz Div may also be quartered. The Neues Lager is believed primarily to consist of garages sheltering the vehicles of the troops in Altes Lager. As 152-mm guns were previously observed with the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg and also mentioned in the present report as belonging to the 1st Mecz Div, it is possible that the artillery components of the tank and mechanized divisions are, contrary to previous assumptions, equipped with artillery pieces of this caliber, probably guns, howitzers or gun-howitzers of model M-37. Major Dubinka (fnu), commandant of the driver training school, and Captain Vasilyev (fnu), probably administrative officer, are known from previous reports. In a report of December 1951, a Colonel Khlopov (fnu) in Olympisches Dorf, who allegedly arrived there with a guard unit from Krampnitz in September 1951. This item of information is confirmed to some degree.

However, it is hardly conceivable that a unit apparently belonging to the 10th Gds Tank Div should be quartered in the billeting area of the 1st Mecz Div. Further information on this subject is required.

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